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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I ardently support the settlement reached between the Dept. of Justice and Microsoft. Protracted litigation has served only to stagnate the economy. The tech industry has shown decline in direct correlation with the federal government's pursuit of this case. I do not believe this to be coincidental.

Incidentally, the settlement should increase the productivity in the tech industry. Although Microsoft has made many concessions through the process, such as its agreement to license Windows at the same rate to the top twenty PC makers, they have done so in the attempt to resolve this issue. And resolving this issue is in everyone's best interests.

Enact the settlement at the end of January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ry Tamm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Tamm